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Band shakeup angers students

BY TARA DIXON
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Unbeknownst to most students, there have been changes proposed by the music department that may affect their student clubs.

The music department is proposing a restructuring of instrumental and vocal ensembles.

The preliminary proposal outlines improving the quality of student ensembles, requiring students to audition and meet the equivalency of music department course requirements, implementing a new faculty position in the music department, and achieving accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

There are two restructuring options proposed by the music department at this early stage.

Option A would move the ensembles that are currently student clubs under the Office of Student Life and funded by the Student Government Association, including the Symphonic Winds Ensemble, Gospel Choir and University Singers, into the music department.

Students would continue to receive fine arts credit for performing with these groups.

Option B would keep the ensembles under Student Life and SGA as student clubs, but students would no longer receive credit.

"It's a matter that needs to be discussed with a wide group of people including the student groups involved, and ultimately that is the University's goal," said Dr. Ron Slepitz, vice president of Student Development.

Currently, the directors of these programs are paid by the Office of Student Life and the groups' funding comes from the SGA. Students have leadership positions in the groups and control what kind of music they perform.

There is concern that the current structure and dynamic of the student-run groups could change under control of the music department.

"For the people who are currently directing the groups, their main focus is on their group. If a faculty member took over direction, they would have a teaching load as

well," said Dr. Luther Smith, director of Student Life.

"There's a huge leadership opportunity for students, I believe. These groups are run for students and by students and the students rise to the occasion to effectively have a say in what the group is about. They have formed their own missions and bylaws, and a concern [with the music department proposal] is that the mission could be changed," Smith said.

The Gospel Choir is focused on worship. They participate in prayer groups and Bible study, using music as a means to worship.

There is concern that this may be affected with a stronger emphasis on the musical aspect of the group.

"Our mission is more ministry. Our group serves a different purpose. Our point is ministry through music, not just music," said senior Correy Hammond, Gospel Choir president.

There are concerns in the University Singers about its own future should the proposal be accepted.

"I think if we move under the music department, that dynamic will gradually decline until the group disintegrates."

— Autumn Nickoli
Singers President

"They would make the Singers director an adjunct position with a small stipend for one of their professors. You would get someone whose focus wasn't Singers. It's questionable whether they'd have the knowledge required to direct the group," said Singers director Danny Manning.

Elements such as microphones, costuming, choreography, and diverse vocal and instrumental arrangements could be difficult for someone who had a teaching

course load in addition to directing.

"If [the proposal] were to go through, it would mean it would be hard for Singers to stay the way they are now," said Manning. "They want to be able to keep doing what it is they've done in the past, and they're worried this will be a blow to the group."

"Both aspects of the proposal, moving the groups completely under the music department or leaving it as is but taking away the credit, will drastically change the ensembles," said junior Autumn Nickoli, Singers president.

"I believe Singers will completely change. The dynamic of the group as it is now is the best it will ever be. I think if we move under the music department, that dynamic will gradually decline until the group disintegrates," she said.

Though some form of restructuring was being discussed for over a year and a half, it wasn't until recently the group leaders were made aware of it.

Junior Band President David Annable first heard something in November. "At that time, we were told not to worry and that nothing would happen for a very long time," he said.

According to Nickoli, the leadership of her group has been aware of the issue for about three weeks. "We were advised not to tell the group anything about it because we as students weren't supposed to know," Nickoli said.

"We feel like we've been completely uninformed with the process. We're a student group, but no one's asked our opinion. We've only been involved because we've forced ourselves into the situation," Annable said.

The SGA was notified in mid-February that there was a proposal. "At the time it was presented as if it was just talk, and there was no sense of urgency that it had the potential of becoming a reality," said senior SGA President Natasha Hamilton.

"We're all very concerned. We want to make sure that student input is brought into the process," she said.

The SGA met with Slepitz as

well as the group advisers. They then went back and researched the situation, looked into the numbers of music majors and minors versus non-majors in the groups.

"We found the numbers of majors and minors to be very small. Many students are part of these groups as an extracurricular activity because they love performing," Hamilton said.

"We want to make sure it's expressed that we have concerns and reservations about moving the groups."

— Natasha Hamilton
SGA President

The SGA also spoke with members of the groups.

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Sweet Victory

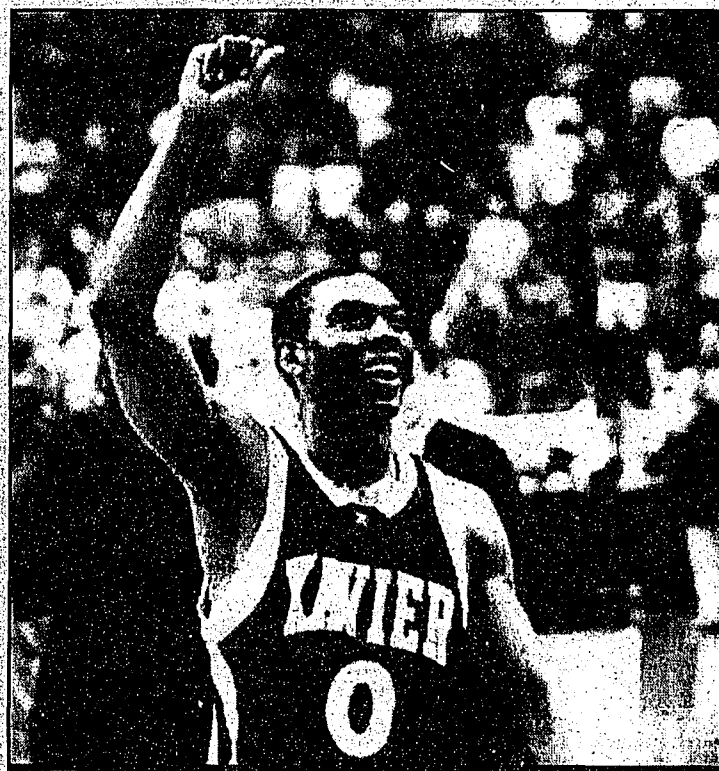


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Senior Lionel Chalmers celebrates after the Musketeers beat Mississippi State to make it to the Sweet Sixteen for the first time in 14 years. Chalmers had a career-high 31 points in Xavier's 89-74 win on Sunday.

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Movie presented by South-Asian Society

At 7 p.m. tonight in Logan 100, the South-Asian Society will be showing the recent Bollywood blockbuster "Kal Ho Naa Ho" ("Tomorrow may not be"). There will also be plenty of ethnic and Indian food for all who attend. For more information, please contact Gaurav Marwaha at x5905.



SGA Election sparks controversy

JOHN THOMAS

Assistant Campus News Editor

Controversy in SGA elections is nothing new to Xavier.

According to SGA outgoing president, senior Natasha Hamilton, "It is not unc customary for penalties to be assessed. Tickets have been penalized for infringements such as these in the past, including two tickets penalized during last year's election for similar reasons."

The SGA election controversy referred to in several recent editorials in *the Newswire* has been addressed by the Board of Elections, a committee designed to ensure the rules of the election process are observed and violations are penalized.

According to Co-Elections Chair, junior Robert Brundrett, this year's winners of the Executive election did violate certain rules of the elections code and penalties were assessed.

This year, the first violation occurred as a result of a sign found on one of the dormitory floors. The rule

regarding this infraction states that only one sign with certain dimensions in size is allowed on the first floor of each residence hall.

The second violation was a result of displaying promotional material before the designated campaign time, which is a deduction of 30 votes for each offense.

The third violation was given when the ticket was found "chalking" on non-promotional grounds. Chalking is also a promotional violation, in which someone uses chalk in an undesignated area where promotional material is prohibited. A 30 vote deduction is also administered for violating this rule.

After these matters were investigated, the Board of Elections recommended that the ticket be penalized 90 votes for disobeying these laws.

After the ticket members filed an appeal, all of the violations were overturned or dropped except for one, which has been unidentified at this time. The ticket was offi-

cially penalized 10 votes for this violation, and was excused from the penalties of the violations that were overturned.

Even if violating these rules has happened in the past, there were still strong feelings both in support of, and against the way this matter was handled. "Some [individuals involved with the election] felt the charges were petty, while others were upset about the way the ticket was penalized," said Hamilton.

Other Senate members felt that the way this matter was handled questions the integrity of the SGA. "It's going to be a rough year, there are sentiments both ways, but we need to get past it," said an anonymous Senator.

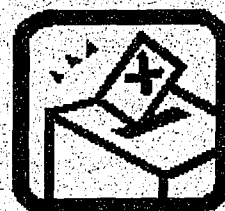
The Executives for next year's SGA have admitted to their mistakes, and are willing to learn from all that has happened.

"We would like the students to know that we take full responsibility for our actions, and we are fully open to discussing it with anyone

who would like to," said next year's Executive President junior Andy Gibson.

Hamilton urged Senators to move away from this controversy, and focus on their job of leading the student body.

"I know there are some strong feelings about what happened, but we need to move on in our duties," said Hamilton at a recent SGA meeting, informing Senators that the election is over, and emphasizing the importance of moving on to other issues. "We have way too many other important things we need to take care of right now, so I am asking that you put this issue aside so that we can get these other things done."



Students take action

SARA THOMAS

Contributing Writer

Xavier Action is sponsoring the second Community Action Day of the year this Saturday, March 27.

As part of the event, students will have the opportunity to volunteer at service sites around Cincinnati.

The event begins Saturday morning at 8:30 with free pastries and juice provided by Cintas in Nieporte Lounge in Hailstone Hall. Students can then sign up for a variety of sites and volunteer from 9 a.m. to noon. Site leaders will help with each location in case any problems occur.

Around noon, students will return to campus for a free lunch donated by local businesses, including Papa John's, Subway and Roly Poly. In addition to free breakfast and lunch, each student will also receive a t-shirt commemorating the event.

Members of Xavier Action have been working throughout the semester to plan this event, which usually has a turnout of approximately 150 students.

"Community Action Day is meant to get Xavier students to help out more in their local surrounding community," said Tom Nemcek, co-director of Community Action Day. "It's a way of giving back to the neighborhood for all that they have given to us, and it shows the unity of the Xavier community on a whole."

Some of the service sites will include Crayons to Computers, Pregnancy Care Center, People Working Cooperatively, Little Sisters of the Poor, Imago and Women's Connection.

Students will be painting, cleaning, talking with residents, and helping with publicity, along with other service activities.

"It's a good opportunity to go out to the community and do service," said Steve Bentley, a member of the Community Action Day committee. "It's a great way to meet different people at Xavier."

Seniors are especially invited to attend the event because it is being held in conjunction with Senior Service Day.

All interested students are invited to come to Nieporte lounge at 8:30 a.m. to sign up for sites.

Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala sets new standards

CHAVON MITCHELL

Op-Ed Editor

On March 19, 2004, the Black Student Association held its 28th Annual Antonio Johnson Scholarship Gala in the Cintas Center Banquet Room. Over 400 students, faculty and community members attended this year's sold-out event, which was highlighted by a number of first-time occurrences — one of which being the presentation of a full scholarship to an African-American junior.

The theme of the night was "Our Past, Our Future: Commitment, Excellence, Pride" and incorporated awards and speeches which related to the theme. The winner of the first ever full scholarship, valued at approximately \$28,000, covers tuition, room, board and books for the 2004-05 school year, was junior Simone Harris. Harris exhibited the traits of an Antonio Johnson scholar by excelling in academics, leadership roles, community service activities and her contribution to the Black Student Association.

A second scholarship was also given to one of the 12 finalists who exhibits positive leadership char-

acteristics. The Financial, Administrative and Credit Services Group made the monetary scholarship possible, and it was awarded to junior and current SGA Legislative Vice President James J. Gibson.

There were a number of other firsts for the Gala this year, including an alumni award given in honor of the first known African-American graduate from Xavier, Benjamin J. Allen. Allen graduated with a degree in business administration in 1950 and is a semi-retired realtor living in the city of Cincinnati with his wife of 47 years. The newly-formed Benjamin J. Allen Alumnus Award was given to Damon D. Jones, a 1998 graduate who is currently in charge of external relations at Procter & Gamble and is the youngest person to sit on the Xavier University Board of Trustees.

A scholarship was also awarded to a non-traditional student for the first time. Former Miss Ohio and current Xavier junior, Cheya Ranice Dixon received the award.

The keynote speaker for the night was Cincinnati City Councilwoman Laketa Cole. Cole began her speech by commending the Black Student Association on the

high-quality atmosphere of the event. "You all have truly outdone yourselves," Cole commented to an approving round of applause by the audience. She spoke about the importance of education, community activism, voting and determination in achieving your goals.

Cole energized the audience with experiences from her political career and the driving forces in her own achievement. After she had to run as an Independent in 2001 because the Democratic Party would not pick her up as a candidate, Cole boldly commented, "They underestimated me, but I never underestimated myself." It was this type of determination and faith, she said, that led her to become the first African-American woman to sit on the Cincinnati City Council in April 2003.

Awards were given out to African-Americans in each class. Outstanding awards were awarded to first-year student Corey Hawthorne, sophomore Willie Payton, Jr. and Senior Christianne Sims, with the junior award being the Antonio Johnson Scholarship.

Police Notes

March 17, 2:15 p.m. — A resident student reported the theft of his sweatshirt and room keys from O'Connor Sports Center while he was playing basketball in the gym.

March 17, 7:30 p.m. — Two resident students were cited for underage consumption of alcohol at the St. Patrick's Day party in the Gallagher Student Center.

March 18, 9:10 a.m. — A village resident reported the theft of his car stereo/CD player from his car that was broken into sometime over the last four days.

March 18, 4:35 p.m. — A University employee inadvertently backed into another car in the Sycamore lot. There were no injuries, but there was minor damage to the cars.

March 19, 10:45 p.m. — Two resident students were cited for disorderly conduct and underage consumption of alcohol when they were observed fighting on the residential mall.

March 21, 12:50 a.m. — Campus Police and Residence Life investigated a loud party in the Village. Disciplinary matters will be handled by Residence Life.

Police Note of the Week

March 16, 12:05 a.m. — A 51-year-old male non-student was arrested in the Gallagher Student Center on outstanding warrants when he was attempting to sell backpacks to students in the building.

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Band reorganization

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"We knew about this last fall. The music department indicated it would happen. The problem was that it wasn't effectively communicated to students," Smith said.

Because of the fine arts credit required, there is concern that participation may decline if students can't obtain their credit through these student ensembles, according to Smith.

Without a credit, there will have to be changes in the band. "We'll have to look outside of the course and set new standards," Annable said.

Some believe that if the music department no longer offers a credit, they are giving up some control over the groups.

"The music department's opinion is that if they're not going to be in complete control, they don't want to offer the students any credit. It could be good for Singers. If they're not offering credit, in a way they're relinquishing control. At the same time, the students in these groups deserve to receive credit for all the work they do," Manning said.

The band could be in a unique predicament should the proposal become final.

The current proposal would put the Symphonic Winds Ensemble under the music department and leave the Pep Band under Student Life.

Symphonic Winds Ensemble and Pep Band meet and practice together.

Each group is seasonal, with the focus on Pep Band during basketball season.

For those who wish to continue doing both groups, it would double

their time commitment, according to Annable.

"You would take one large group and divide it into two small groups. They can't do what the large group is capable of. I don't think the music department understands the importance of that balance," he said.

The Pep Band stands at approximately 70 members, which allows the group to send bands with both men's and women's teams when there is a conflict. Annable predicts that dividing the group could drop membership down to around 40 members.

"If the proposal goes through, then Xavier will not have a band representative of a college competitive in Division I-A basketball and the students will not have an opportunity for a musical outlet at this University unless they are one of the chosen few the music department would put in their ensembles," said band director Norman Parr.

Stylistic and performance modifications are also at the forefront of the concerns.

Despite the misunderstandings and frustrations, the groups don't want to become involved in a disagreement with the music department.

"We want to see the music department succeed, and we'd be happy to be associated with them as long as they maintain the groups as they are. We have no issue with them. It's the way the proposal has been presented," Manning said.

The music department has declined to comment for this article at this time.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Gay marriage legality

Chavon says:

Lisa says:

The hotly contested debate about homosexual marriages often brings plenty of emotions to the table, as did many of the great moral trials during the history of the United States. However, when it comes down to it, the United States is a land of laws and order. Homosexual marriage is about offering the same rights to two people in love.

The term "activist judges" has been thrown around in the media lately. However, I must wonder, is it activism when judges are upholding people's constitutional rights? Were the judges presiding over *Brown v. Board of Education* activists or accurate interpreters of laws?

The Constitution states people have the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." While these are very abstract terms, most would argue the freedom to marry falls into the category of both liberty and happiness.

Marriage is a contract between two people, plain and simple. I don't mean to take the love and fantasy out of the situation, but legally, that is what it is. Due to pressure from conservatives and religious zealots, the country has lost that understanding of the term.

I must also disagree with President Bush's plan to pass a constitutional amendment declaring marriage as between a man and a woman. This is a state's issue and if more open-minded states want to allow same-sex marriages, it should be allowed. To take that right away from states and put it in the hands of the federal government oversteps federal boundaries.

The real fear is that when some states allow same-sex marriages, others will have to follow the letter of the law and recognize them in their respective states. I ask, what is so scary about following the law?

Recently there has been great controversy about the right for homosexuals to marry. The constitutionality of laws banning these same-sex marriages has been called into question.

Many are afraid that these cases are on the fast track to the Supreme Court.

If the Supreme Court decides to grant homosexuals the right to marry, it will be a strong exercise of judicial activism, where the Court takes the role of lawmaker instead of law interpreter, just like the decision made in *Roe v. Wade*.

It would be unfortunate if the court decided to do this: not only is it insulting our intelligence as Americans, but it also undermines the democratic process. Why should seven unelected justices be able to impose their moral beliefs and disregard those of the American public?

If Americans have a problem with the laws banning same-sex marriage, then they should elect people who will overturn these laws.

The worst thing that could happen would be if the court overturned these state laws, compelling President Bush to push through an amendment to the Constitution in order to make the voice of the people heard.

Forcing Americans to turn to such drastic measures is a mistake, and it is extremely difficult to overturn an amendment after it has passed. The popular opinion about this topic will probably change in the future and then it will be even more difficult to give homosexuals this right to marry.

Let the people of this country work out their moral issues for themselves. They are not stupid and it will be better for everyone in the long run.

Faculty, student relations?

In the March 10, 2004, issue of the *Xavier University Newswire*, a student wrote a letter to "Dear Andy" seeking his advice on a very disturbing matter. According to the student, in the fall semester he or she "had a liaison" with a "professor" and they "broke off all ties at Christmas break." Then the student added that the "problem is compounded" by the fact that he is the professor in one of [her or his] classes. The student then asked what he or she should do.

If this statement is correct, and we have no reason to question its validity, then we find this incident to be very troubling,

not in keeping with Xavier's mission as a Catholic and Jesuit University, and in violation of the University's Sexual Harassment Policy and the University's Faculty Handbook.

According to our Sexual Harassment Policy, the University "views it professionally unethical for faculty members to begin amorous relationships (consensual or not) with students, whether or not the student is enrolled in their classes."

Implicit in the ideal of professionalism is the recognition by those in positions of authority that in their relationships with students or staff there is always an element of power.

Even when both parties have consented at the outset to the development of such a relationship,

it is the officer or instructor who, by reason of authority conferred by the University, bears the burden of accountability."

Moreover, the University "also deems it professionally unethical for managers and supervisors to enter amorous relationships with workers subject to their supervision, even when both parties appear to have consented to the relationship."

A person violating this policy "will be subject to disciplinary action." Committed to the Sexual Harassment Policy, the University does not condone and will not tolerate any violation of this policy.

In response to the student's inquiry, we want

this student to know that we regret the fact that he or she was placed in this dilemma. In keeping with the reporting procedures outlined in the Sexual Harassment Policy Handbook, we strongly recommend that he or she report this violation to the Office of Human Resources in Edgecliff Hall.

It is essential that we provide an environment that reflects our Catholic and Jesuit character and is respectful of each person's integrity.

Moreover, the student may call the recently established climate alert telephone number (745-3888) if he or she wishes to remain anonymous and should want to provide additional information.

—The Faculty Committee
Dr. Roger Fortin
Academic Vice President

"We want this student to know that we regret the fact that he or she was placed in this dilemma."

Bands speak out

As the officers of the Xavier University Bands, we enthusiastically support the reception of accreditation for the music department. However, we feel this would be most effectively accomplished in conjunction with the Xavier University Bands, and not in the confiscation of the Xavier University Bands. We resent the lack of respect and spirit of cooperation on the part of the music department during this process.

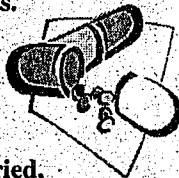
—Xavier University Bands



DOC TALK

Dear Doc,
I've heard rumors that some of my classmates are inhaling (snorting) stimulant drugs. I'm concerned about the risks to my fellow students.

Signed,
Worried



Dear Worried,
Unfortunately, I'm not sure which drug you're referring to above (cocaine, Ritalin, etc.). However, most overdoses of stimulant drugs cause similar reactions such as rapid heart rate (arrhythmias), elevated blood pressure, seizures, fever, confusion, coma and death.

If you know any of these students, get classmates to intervene with you. Get the student to a physician or counselor. You can make a difference. Get involved and save a young life!

Dear Doc,
Could the wart on my hands have caused genital warts?
Signed,
Kiss the Toad

Dear Toad,
Warts are caused by the human papilloma virus. To discuss transmission issues I'd see a doctor. It is unlikely a finger wart could cause a genital one.

Questions are answered by Dr. James P. Konerman, the medical director of the Health and Counseling Center and graduate of Xavier University. Questions for Doc Talk can be dropped off at the Health and Counseling Center or e-mailed to opednewswire@hotmail.com

Students for Life exhibit true ethics

We congratulate Students for Life for an excellent Life Week. The Consistent Ethic of Life theme first articulated by Joseph Cardinal Bernadin and our own Fr. Ken Overberg, S.J., includes abortion, hunger, euthanasia, the death penalty, war and peace.

We urge prayerful reflection of *Standing for the Unborn: A Statement of the Society of Jesus in the United States on Abortion* available at www.Jesuit.org under Publications.

"Abortion is a social issue, and not simply a personal decision made in artificial isolation from wider social reality..." as St. Paul reminds us, "we must 'speak the truth with love.'"

The dialogue should never devolve into a shrill clash of shouts, much less threats of violence."

We are glad Students for Life have a healthy sense of responsibility for all life.

—Fr. Benjamin Urmston, S.J.
Fr. Theodore Thepe, S.J.

"We are glad Students for Life have a healthy sense of responsibility for all life."

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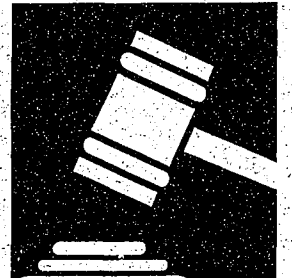
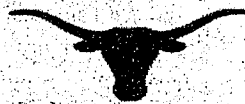
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Sweet Sixteen Xavier -vs- Texas

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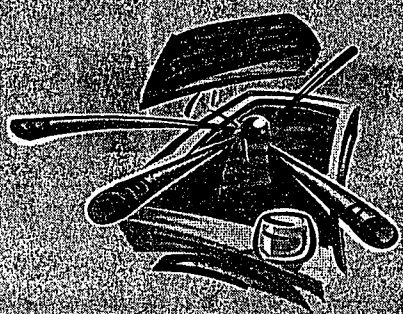
TODAY'S "DEAR ANDY" IS NOT A RESPONSE TO A LETTER IN THE TRADITIONAL SENSE, BUT RATHER IT IS A RESPONSE TO SOME ISSUES THAT AROSE FROM THE FACULTY CONCERNING LAST WEEK'S LETTER. I MUST START BY SAYING THAT IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO CONSISTENTLY TAKE EACH LETTER I RECEIVE AT FACE VALUE. WHO AM I TO DETERMINE WHETHER A LETTER IS A PRANK OR A GENUINE CONCERN? ETHICALLY, I MUST OFFER WHATEVER SOLID ADVICE I HAVE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO ASKS FOR IT. FURTHERMORE, SOME HAVE RAISED ISSUE WITH WHY THE SGA PAGE WOULD FEATURE A COLUMN OF THIS NATURE. THE SIMPLE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT THIS IS A REAL UNIVERSITY WITH REAL STUDENTS AND REAL PROBLEMS. WITH THAT IN MIND, IF WE DID NOT FEATURE MY ADVICE COLUMN SGA WOULD BE DOING THE STUDENTS AN EXTREME DISSERVICE BY NOT HELPING THEM WITH THEIR PROBLEMS. LASTLY, I THINK THE CONTENT OF LAST WEEK'S LETTER IS ESPECIALLY POIGNANT AS THE UNIVERSITY RE-EVALUATES ITS HARASSMENT POLICY.

~ANDY CLARK

Coming Up...

Senate Voting

...continues through
7:00 pm tonight!



GSC Billiards Tournament

Friday, March 26

5pm-12am

8-ball format

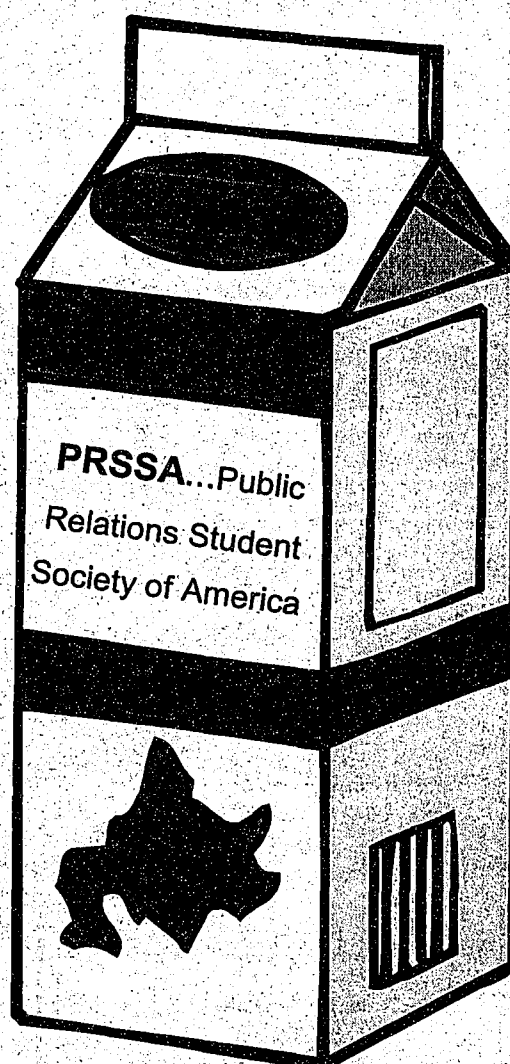
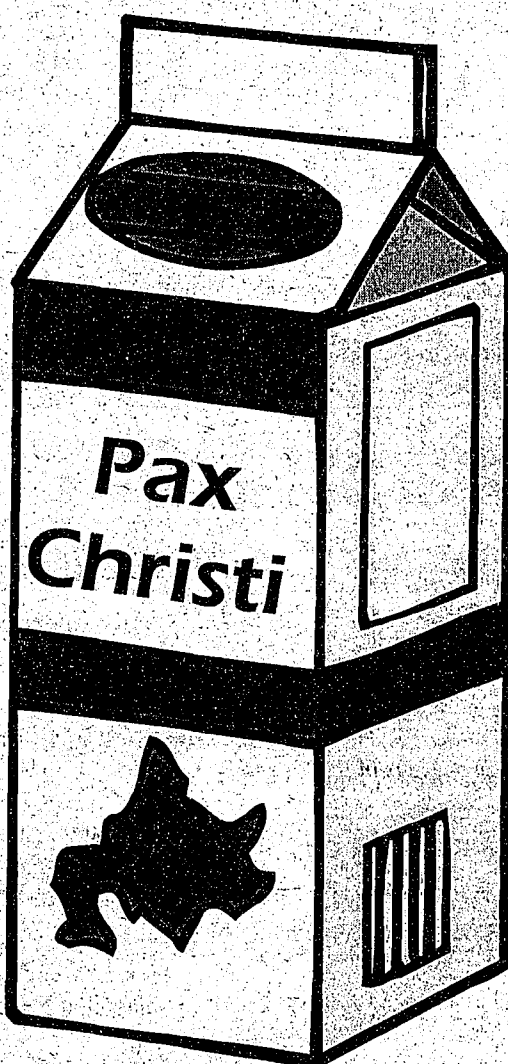
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...participation will be limited to the first 16 xavier students to sign up

...sign up at the gallagher student center welcome desk

Have you seen these clubs?

Beginning this week, the SGA page will feature a new "Missing Clubs" section. Each week, two clubs—which are registered as recognized clubs, but have not maintained communications with SGA—will be featured. Senate is requesting that any students or faculty with information about the current operations of the featured clubs to please contact Joanie Weidner, Senate Support Staff, at x 4250.



BRIEFS

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Golf and tennis
garner acclaim

Four Xavier Student-Athletes earned Atlantic 10 Conference honors this week. Tennis players freshman Matt Zollman, senior Kate Weightman and freshman Jackie Villines were honored as well as freshman golfer John Streibich.

Zollman was named Atlantic 10 men's tennis Rookie-of-the-Week. In the past week, he finished 5-0 in singles competition. This is Zollman's second honor this season.

Weightman earned Atlantic 10 women's tennis Performer-of-the-Week, finishing with a 2-0 record this week in fourth singles and doubles. On the year, Weightman is 19-6 in singles play, and 18-6 in doubles matches.

The A-10 awarded Villines the women's tennis Rookie-of-the-Week honor. She is 22-4 in singles and has won her last six matches.

Streibich received two honors from the Atlantic 10, Performer and Rookie-of-the-Week in men's golf. Streibich tied for third with a one-over 214 over 54 holes at the Steve Kerr Invitational in Buckeye, Ariz. He shot a final-round score of four-under 67.

Baseball drops
weekend to Toledo

Toledo swept the Musketeers in last Saturday's doubleheader, winning game 1 5-0 and the second game 4-2 at Hayden Field.

Xavier has now lost its last three games and has a 6-13 overall record.

In the opener, the Muskies were shut out despite a complete game performance by freshman Bill Konecny. The right-hander allowed five runs, four earned on eight hits while striking out four in seven innings pitched.

The Musketeer offense was held without a run, although they had seven hits, including two each by junior Jay Johnson and sophomore Matt Lucas.

In game 2, junior Sean Finnegan had a solid starting effort, allowing four runs on six hits while striking out three in five innings pitched.

After surrendering two runs in the top of the first, Xavier came back to score solo runs in the first and second innings.

The game turned in favor of the Rockets in the fifth as they scored a pair of runs to win, 4-2.

Women's hoops
loses in WNIT

The Xavier women's basketball team fell to an energized Miami (OH) team in the first round of the WNIT last Wednesday night, 77-65.

The win for the RedHawks renewed an interstate rivalry that had been abandoned since the 1999 season.

Muskies taste Sweetness
for first time since 1990

BY DAVE GILMORE
Sports editor

For a team that was all but excluded from postseason play sitting at 10-9 at the end of January, one would think winning nine of its last 10 regular season games, beating the no. 1 ranked team and winning its conference tournament would be enough to call it a season.

The Xavier Musketeers had other plans, however, downing Louisville 80-70 on Friday in the first round and shocking no. 2 seed Mississippi State 89-74 on Sunday to advance to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

This is the first time seventh-seeded Xavier has advanced to the Sweet 16 since 1990, when they faced Texas and lost.

Coincidentally, the Musketeers will get another shot at the three-seed Longhorns on Friday night at 7:20 p.m. in the Georgia Dome.

The win over Mississippi State not only provides retribution for the Muskies' 82-70 loss to the Bulldogs in December, but maintains the immeasurable momentum coach Thad Matta and his team have been riding, winning 15 of their last 16 games. "Pride in my guys would be an understatement," Matta remarked after the win. "We beat one great basketball team."

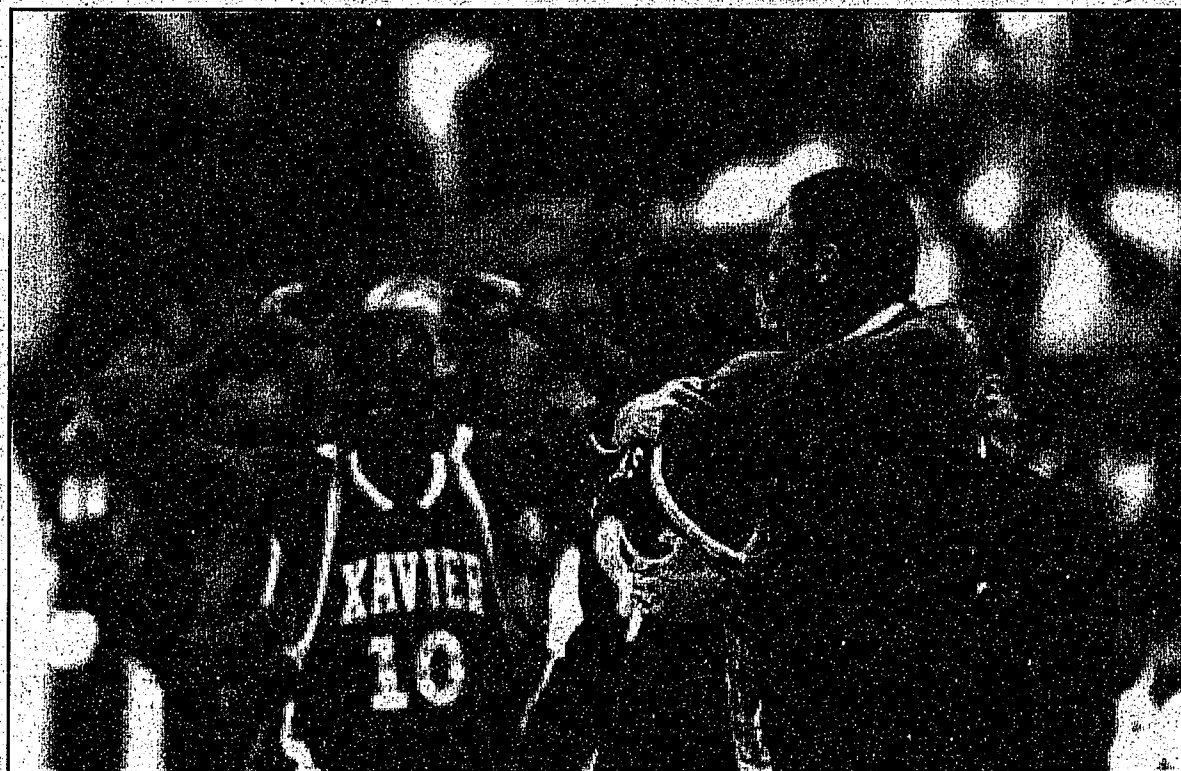
The Musketeers were led by senior guard Lionel Chalmers, who went for a career-high 31 points, including a perfect four-for-four performance from three-point range.

Chalmers has been unconscious of late, scoring 23-plus points in four of the Muskies' previous five contests.

"If this isn't my time, then I am not going to have a time. When I am done with the 40 minutes, I don't want to walk away with anything," Chalmers said of his effort thus far in the tournament.

As has been the story for much of the postseason, Chalmers was not alone in the Musketeers' assault.

Fellow seniors Romain Sato and Anthony Myles have rounded out



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Seniors Romain Sato (10) and Lionel Chalmers celebrate their 89-74 victory over second-seeded Mississippi State on Sunday with head coach Thad Matta. Chalmers finished the game with a career-high 31 points while Sato scored 12 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

the team's core that has been dubbed by some fans as "The Three Musketeers."

Sato turned in a solid 12-point, seven-rebound performance against Mississippi State, while Myles grabbed 14 crucial rebounds against a bigger team and blocked three shots.

Matta saw the role of the frontcourt including Myles and freshmen Brandon Cole, Justin Cage and Justin Doellman essential to the win. "Mississippi State's Lawrence Roberts is one of the top five players in college basketball so we had to play great position defense. We had to challenge shots and we got rebounds," Matta said.

Doellman turned in a solid performance, especially for a freshman in the NCAA Tournament for the first time, scoring 13 points and tallying eight rebounds.

Matta was quick to point out the significance of Doellman, Cage and Cole's role in this postseason run.

"Welcome to the tournament, you are upperclassmen now. We

believed that [the freshmen] were shell-shocked in the first half, but I give them lots of credit as they look to their seniors and do whatever is asked of them with their God-given ability."

Sophomore Dedrick Finn, who relinquished his starting role early in the season, seems to have found a new role in scoring off the bench and hitting virtually every crucial shot in the postseason.

Finn launched a three-pointer from well beyond midcourt at the first buzzer to give the Musketeers a 34-33 lead going into halftime.

Finn finished with 22 points and dished three assists.

The win over the Bulldogs came on the heels of another emotional victory against 10th-seed Louisville in the first round of the tournament.

The Musketeers overcame an 11-point halftime deficit to end up winning by double-digits.

Once again, Finn came up huge for Xavier, nailing a three-pointer with 7:55 to play, drawing the foul

and completing the rare four-point play.

Finn's clutch shot gave Xavier its first and final lead (62-60) as the Cardinals could not climb back from the sophomore's devastating blow. "He was tuned into the game. His three turned the momentum. With him playing well, we knew we had a chance to win," Matta said of Finn.

Chalmers recorded 25 points and dished six assists against the Cardinals, while Sato scored 24 and pulled eight rebounds. Myles logged a double-double, scoring 15 and grabbing 11 boards.

As the Musketeers have been after all their big wins this season, they are satisfied but not complacent. Should they beat Texas, Xavier will face the winner of top-seeded Duke versus fifth-seeded Illinois.

Sato seems confident that the Muskies' improbable run is far from over. "We waited four years to get here. It feels good, but we're not done yet."

What's On Tap?

Wednesday

* Baseball vs. Akron
3 p.m.

Thursday

* Women's tennis vs. Butler
3 p.m.

Friday

* Men's basketball
vs. Texas
7:27 p.m. in Atlanta

Saturday

* Baseball vs. St. Bonaventure
12 p.m. (DH)

* Women's tennis vs. Louisville
12 p.m.

* Track at Arizona State Invite
TBA

All home games are in bold

Sunday

* Women's tennis vs. St.
Bonaventure
1 p.m.

* Baseball vs. St. Bonaventure
12 p.m.

* Men's tennis
vs. St. Bonaventure
1 p.m.

Home baseball games are
played at Hayden Field

Home basketball games are
played in the Cintas Center

GAME
OF THE
WEEK

Men's basketball vs. Texas
Friday, 7:27 p.m.
Georgia Dome
Atlanta, GA

The dance continues this coming weekend, and the Musketeers are the belle of the ball. After beating Louisville and Mississippi State last weekend, the Muskies will take on the Texas Longhorns in a Sweet 16 rematch of 14 years ago.

Look for hot shooting and stifling defense from the Muskies.

Might of the living 'Dead'

'DAWN OF THE DEAD' NEWEST ADDITION TO THE ZOMBIE GENRE OF HORROR TO TOP THE BOX OFFICE AND TAP OUR FEARS

BY JIMMY DILLON
Divisions Editor

It took an entire legion of risen dead guys to surpass just one at the box office, as "Dawn of the Dead" became the first movie to top "The Passion of the Christ."

"Dawn" is the latest installment of zombie genre horror films to be released in the last couple of years, riding on the success of the outstanding, eerie "28 Days Later" and the not so good video game adapt "Resident Evil."

A remake of the 1978 classic, "Dawn" hits on just about every cylinder producing cheap thrills with creepy images. The film sticks along the same storyline as its predecessor, following a group of people trapped inside a shopping mall surrounded by the undead.

Mysteriously one morning, people who are dying aren't staying dead. It seems that a virus has broken out turning corpses into cannibals, leaving those left alive with a terrible predicament: run or be eaten.

Through this Darwinian character-selection process, we meet the fittest of the fit, a group of survivors who have made their way to Crossroads Mall in Wisconsin



(From Left) Michael (Weber), Ana (Polley) and Kenneth (Rhames) contemplate whether to get the autographs of famous zombies.

where they have barricaded themselves in hopes of receiving help.

Among the survivors is lead character, nurse Ana, played by Indie film star Sarah Polley ("Go"). A surprisingly star-studded cast is highlighted by Ving Rhames ("Pulp Fiction") as police officer Kenneth and Mekhi Phifer ("O") as a strapped young man named Andre — an interesting character throughout the film.

Polley, Rhames and Phifer are the stars of the cast, but the other contributions from the secondary characters are essential to the story.

The plot and characters are all concise, a vital trait for a good horror movie. Nothing's wasted with the addition of new actors, and their characters usually play an important role in the development of the story.

"Dawn" hits on many of the essential low burlesque issues of most zombie films, providing instances of self-sacrifice, military vs. philosophical leadership and necessary extermination. All this, of course, is put into the context of bloodthirsty zombie action.

Thus the downfall of "Dawn" along with most zombie movies — with the exception of "28 Days Later" — is the heavy reliance at the end of the film on high action, the uncreative digression from the terror produced throughout the film by the faceless, vicious undead.

At the same time, it's a drastic improvement over zombie flops like "Resident Evil," "House of the Dead" and the cultic "Cabin Fever." All of these movies, made in the last two years, added to the resurgence of the zombie genre, a line of horror originating in the '50s.

Through horror movie history, the silver screen has seen a correlation between the media-exaggerated threats of the time and the creepy characters on the reel.

In the '50s and '60s with the peak of the Cold War and the second Red Scare, American audiences were titillated with "Invaders from Mars," "War of the Worlds" and "Night of the Living Dead." The general fears of the public regarding invasion and mobs culminated in the classic sci-fi and horror movies of the day.

The '70s felt the effect of serial killers — Ted Bundy, Charles Manson and David Burckowitz (Son of Sam) who grabbed headlines, setting entire cities and states into a state of terror. The result was a slew of slasher flicks including "Halloween," "Friday the 13th," and "Nightmare on Elm Street" along with Jack Nicholson's defining movie "The Shining." This genre was revitalized in the '90s with "Silence of the Lambs" and other psychological thrillers that keyed in on the mind of the killer, and not just their actions.

The late '70s, '80s and '90s witnessed a backlash against the loose drug and sex morality of the '60s

and '70s with vampire films "Interview with the Vampire," "Lost Boys" and "Vampire" (1979). Meanwhile, the trend piggybacked on slasher films by making the victims pot-smoking, sexed-up teenagers.

The resurrection (pun intended) of zombie films seen today in film is post 9/11, as the films themselves are the illegitimate children of the new mass media-projected threat to Americans.

With the war on terror, and the casting of Islam and the Middle East in a negative, terrifying light, these movies of the undead are hitting on the manufactured fear of a faceless, ferocious, Muslim, terrorist mob personified in zombie form.

In particular, most of the clips from a montage at the beginning of the film show real news clips from revolts in Middle Eastern countries and in another clip, Muslims performing Salah.

The Info

"Dawn of the Dead"

Newsweek Official Grade: B

Starring: Sarah Polley, Ving Rhames, Mekhi Phifer, Jake Weber, Ty Burrell

Rated R for pervasive strong horror violence and gore, language and sexuality



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The zombie on the left is in the mood to dance "Thriller"-style, but the others are in an "Eat It" mood.

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Movie: "Invasion of the Body Snatchers"

Premise: Alien race invades Earth, commandeering human bodies

Era: Red Scare and Invasion fears



Movie: "Halloween"

Premise: Asylum escapee Mike Myers goes on murdering sprees

Era: Slasher film riding on serial killers from the '70s



Movie: "Lost Boys"

Premise: Gang of teenage, biker vampires terrorize small town

Era: Backlash for loose morals of '60s and '70s



Movie: "Silence of the Lambs"

Premise: FBI agents hunt serial killer Buffalo Bill

Era: '90s saw revitalization of serial killer movies with psychological focus



WEDNESDAY

March 24

Whew! What a week that was! That was probably the longest, hardest week ever, or is it just me? It's probably just me.

If you're like me and you need to cool out somewhere, do it Incan style at the Peru coffee hour in the Faces of the World Lounge in Gallagher at 3:30 p.m.

If you're not like me and you need more stress in your life, or you need more information about Nursing, Criminal justice, or getting your MBA, head over to Schiff Family Conference Center. I got all of my nursing out of my system in my first few years.

THURSDAY

March 25

It's around this time of year that everyone gets wicked lazy. The seniors are about to graduate and can't think about anything else, the juniors can't think about anything but basketball and drinking, the sophomores can't think about anything but their majors and how they're going to graduate early and the freshmen aren't thinking yet.

If you're in need of some guidance, be at the CCLD Office at 10:30 a.m. for a P.E.P. Talk. You should get enough P.E.P. to see you through the end of the year.

Big news, folks, Gandhi's Grandson, Arun Gandhi, will be speaking in Bellarmine at 7 p.m. about nonviolence in everyday life.

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Calendar City

By Joshua Kataoka. To place an item in the calendar, mail to newswire-calendar@xavier.edu or ML 2129.

If you don't agree with nonviolence, the music department is having their Spring Festival in the Gallagher Student Center Theatre today at 7:30 p.m. I guess you could get a half of an hour of nonviolence and then further your peaceful day by enjoying some chill-out music.

FRIDAY

March 26

Let's be honest, with the basketball game going on tonight, not much will be happening around or on campus. I'm sure that many of you fine ladies and gentlemen will be avoiding your classes today in order to partake in the festivities surrounding Xavier basketball. Although I do not recommend skipping your classes, if you're too drunk to talk it may be a good idea to miss them.

I know everyone from Texas says, "Don't mess with Texas!" and "Remember the Alamo!" but for all I care they can shove it. Xavier has a license to mess with Texas, we had to apply for it but we got it. Also, we remember the Alamo pretty well, and we also remember that Texans got beat by a bunch of Mexicans, no offense. I'm sure GWB has money on Texas too, but he's been wrong in the past about bigger things.



Charles says, "Don't Mess with Texas!"

"Voices for Change" will be performed today in the Schiff Family Conference Center at 12:30 p.m. It's part of Food for Thought III. I assume they'll be serving fish for the Omega oils or what have you. The game doesn't start until 7:27 p.m., so you can make this without problem.

Conflicts, however, do arise with Lawrence Carr's performance in the Gallagher Student Center Theatre. Larry's a pianist and organist who was born and raised in Cincinnati but he apparently didn't foresee Xavier's amazing string of victories, which is a sure sign of a UC fan. He'll be performing at 7:30 p.m. If you do decide to go, you can probably get away with bringing in a little radio or television, from what I know they just tell you to shut off your cell phones.

SATURDAY

March 27

If Xavier won on Friday night, celebrate on the greenspace from 11 until 4 p.m. with a barbeque. On the other hand, if Xavier lost, head over to the greenspace and eat some consolation ribs and potato salad. Then riot. Seriously though, if Xavier loses, don't riot, vent your anger in more constructive ways. (see Gandhi's Grandson on the 25th).

Later today is the First High School Invitational Choral Festival. It will be held in the Gallagher Theatre at 7:30 p.m. I can't really comment on this as I'm not sure what's going on, it's the first one ever!

If you're not celebrating a Xavier victory, you can celebrate the day of birth of Mariah Carey and Quentin Tarantino. I know that the issue of nature or nurture was supposed to be answered a long time ago, but these two birthdays on the same day raise the question again that these two people are about as insane as you can get. Pray they never collaborate.

SUNDAY

March 28

Today is the day of rest after what I can only assume was three days of

partying like it was 1999.

Fr. Richard P. McBrien will be giving a speech today concerning the Papacy and Ecumenism after Vatican II at 7:30 p.m. in the Cintas Banquet room. If you want to be Pope, you might as well go.

MONDAY

March 29

If you're still trying to recover from the weekend, there is a Wellness Team meeting at noon today in room 330 in Gallagher. You can figure out how to meditate the toxins out of your body.

Tony and Mary Miller will present "The Secrets to Our (30 year - Over Night) Success" at 12:30 p.m. in the Cintas Center conference rooms. They have to live excruciatingly long days.

TUESDAY

March 30

Ah yes, the ides of March, times two. This just means twice the intrigue, which is why the Registrar set registration for today.

Do you want to know what Luxembourg has to gain from a relationship with Spain? If you do, there is a Foreign Policy discussion group from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Romero International Center.

Today, keep in mind that two of the greatest artists ever celebrate their birthdays. That's right, M.C. Hammer and Van Gogh are both birthday boys today.

This is Dr. Josh, being dirt poor, falling asleep and signing out.

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